

class health science center, Dr. DeBakey was elected the first President of the newly named Baylor College of Medicine. Under his leadership, the College would experience an unprecedented era of growth and renowned reputation.

In recognition of his life-saving achievements, Dr. DeBakey has been honored numerous times with hundreds of awards, including the Legion of Merit from the United States Army, the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction, the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award, and the Presidential National Medal of Science. He has been honored by kings and queens, and virtually every U.S. President since Harry Truman has sought the wisdom of "the maestro."

ON THE OCCASION OF TAIWAN'S  
NATIONAL DAY

**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of Taiwan's National Day, I would like to join my colleagues in wishing Taiwan and its people many happy returns and especially an early return to the United Nations.

In recent decades, Taiwan has impressed the world with its economic development and progress in the areas of human rights and political freedom. Taiwan has also been a partner with the United States in our global war against terror.

Best wishes to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and Taiwan Representative in Washington, Dr. Joseph Wu. Representative Wu has impressed everyone on the Hill with his knowledge, industry and professional demeanor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Mr. PICKERING. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote 946 to H.R. 3246. I would have voted "yes." My vote would not have changed the result, but I want this record to reflect my intention.

KEVIN EVERETT

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, southeast Texas has a rich and proud tradition when it comes to football. There have been numerous State championships won from the neighboring high school teams who play to capacity crowds on Friday night. The area has produced superstars that have gone on to Hall of Fame careers in both the college and professional game. But for all the championships and awards, the greatest victory a southeast

Texan has achieved might be against a doctor's prognosis.

Kevin Everett was an All State tight end at Port Arthur's Thomas Jefferson High School. He moved on to Kilgore Junior College, where he twice received first-team All-Southwest Conference honors. Due to his exceptional speed and size, he was rated the second-best junior college player in the Nation. He then transferred to college football national powerhouse the University of Miami. After 2 solid years as a Hurricane, he was selected 86th overall in the 2005 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

Despite being so far away from home, Kevin Everett had a mountain of support from his hometown fans. He never could have imagined how much he would need that support until September 9 of this year. Kevin's Bills were playing in week 1 when he went to make a tackle and went down with a severe spinal injury. Doctors originally believed that Kevin would sustain permanent neurological damage and used words like "bleak" and "dismal" to describe his chances of walking again. Then, only 2 short days later, Kevin was voluntarily moving his arms and legs. Over the next few weeks, Kevin made vast improvements in his physical condition, leading doctors to believe that he will eventually walk again and possibly make a full recovery.

Kevin is now home in Houston with his family, beginning a long rehabilitation period. The grim prognosis once given to him is now but a distant memory. Thanks to his positive attitude, mental toughness, and motivation to work hard, Kevin has shown that anything is possible. He has earned his place amongst other southeast Texas football greats and always be remembered as a champion of the human spirit.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMENDING SOROPTIMIST  
INTERNATIONAL OF THE MARI-  
ANAS AND SOROPTIMIST INTER-  
NATIONAL OF GUAM FOR THEIR  
EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WOMEN  
AND CHILDREN

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of Soroptimist International of the Marianas and Soroptimist International of Guam, for their service to our community and thank them for various projects to assist and improve the lives of women and children in Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Soroptimist International of Guam, which was chartered on March 8, 1978, produces a weekly hour-long show, "Women Making a Difference," on Guam's public radio station, KPRG. The show addresses issues of importance to women. SIG also sponsors health fairs and, in conjunction with the Superior Court of Guam, the annual Silent Witness program, which focuses public attention on domestic violence, as well as an annual women's art show, "A Mosaic of Culture, Uniting Women and Girls Through Art, Friendship and Service."

Soroptimist International of the Marianas, chartered on February 9, 1986, sponsors a

scholarship program to the University of Guam and Guam Community College, as well as Grandparent's Day at St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, Mother's Day with Alee Shelter, the Women in Business Conference, the University of Guam Sigma Club, and the John F. Kennedy High School S Club; and in 1997, Soroptimist International of the Marianas and Soroptimist International of Guam co-founded and adopted as their long term project "Erica's House—A Family Visitation Center," a support service for parents and children in need of visitation and exchange services. Both chapters also jointly participate in the Women's Opportunity Awards, the Violet Richardson Awards, and Women of Distinction project, as well as in the activities and projects of the Guam Council of Women's Clubs, Women United Against Cancer and the Relay for Life.

Soroptimist International is the world's largest volunteer service organization for women in business, management, and in various professions. On October 27 and 28, 2007, SIM and SIG will jointly host the Soroptimist International of the Americas Founder Region District VI Annual Meeting on Guam with the theme, "Share the Passion, Share the Magic." And on behalf of all the women of Guam and the Marianas, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome SIA Regional Governor Sue Finch; Governor-elect Amelia Benko; Secretary Linda Sue Hansen; Fellowship President Dion C. Weaver, and District VI Director Judy Lee, and to offer my best wishes for a fruitful and productive meeting.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAKE LIPPERT

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the career of Dr. Jake Lippert. Dr. Lippert has served as the Executive Director for the Missouri Dental Association since 1998, who now ends his tenure.

Dr. Lippert earned an undergraduate degree from St. Louis University before completing its Dental School program in 1959. He then honorably served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy until 1961. Dr. Lippert has been a member of the American Dental Association since 1959 and a member of the Missouri Dental Association since 1961. During his career, Dr. Lippert has been awarded numerous professional honors, including being named the Missouri Dental Association's Dentist of the Year in 1998.

Beyond his private practice, Jake Lippert has been extremely involved in his community. He has served as an Instructor for East Central College, the President of the Union School Board, an assistant scout master for a local Boy Scout troop, and a certified high school football referee. Dr. Lippert is highly regarded for his generosity and hard work.

As Executive Director of the Missouri Dental Association, Dr. Lippert was instrumental in increasing legislative involvement, creating additional continuing education programs, and shaping a vision for the future of the organization. I'm certain that Members of the House will join me in thanking Jake Lippert for his exceptional leadership and dedication.